GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:955
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WOMEN TEAM ON UN PEACE KEEPING MISSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether women team from Para Military Forces is being posted on UN peace keeping mission to Liberia as reported in 'The Times of India' dated January 19, 2007 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the lives of such personnels?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b) : A contingent of 105 Women and 20 Men have already been deployed on UN Peace keeping Mission to Liberia on 30.1.2007.

(c):(i) The Contingent Member have been adequately trained to respond to any contingency and have been provided with sophisticated weapons, improved body protectors and bullet-proof jackets and bullet-proof vehicles.

(ii) UN provides them anti-mines vehicles in the mission area, as and when required.

(iii) They have been vaccinated as preventive measure.A medical team alongwith medicines, life saving drugs and equipments have also been provided to the Contingent.